There are several illegal fish tanks in the lake, but the value of the business is not estimated.

(d) Eviction of all encroachments and dismantling of the fish tanks have been taken up by District Collectors, West Godavari and Krishna Districts, in compliance of orders of Andhra Pradesh High Court, dated 30.7.2001 in W.P. No. 33587/98 and 14297/01.

Lift Irrigation and power projects in Andhra Pradesh

1231. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of all the irrigation projects including lift irrigation and power projects in Andhra Pradesh which are still pending for site and environment clearance from Government;

(b) the details of various reasons for not giving such clearances for such crucial irrigation projects, expeditiously;

(c) whether Government would assure of co-ordinating, monitoring and expediting the clearance process on a war-footing in the large interest of the Nation with regards to increase in Agricultural production and to prevent escalation of the cost of projects due to delay in giving clearances; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) The irrigation & power projects which are still under consideration for site clearance are — (1) Dumagundem Lift Irrigation Project (2) Galeru Nagari Sujala Shravanti (3) Mahatma Gandhi Lift Irrigation Project (4) Jawahar (Nettempadu) Lift Irrigation Project and (5) Dumagundem Hydro-electric Project and for environmental clearance are — (1) Vamsadhara Project phase II of stage II, (2) Veligonda Project, (3) Sripadasagar Project, (4) Handri Niva Sujala Shravanti, (5) 64 MW coal based captive power plant (expansion project at Paloncha by M/s Nav Bharat Ferrow Alloys Ltd. and (6) 43 MW coal based thermal power plant in Nalgonda District by M/s Sitapuram Power Ltd.

(b) Requisite information/clarifications sought by the Ministry are still awaited from the State Government/project proponent.

(c) and (d) As per the provision of EIA notification, 1994 and its subsequent amendments, decision on the proposal for environment clearance is taken within 90 days from the date of receipt of all requisite information.

Poshir Dam Project

1232. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the detailed proposal for diversion of forest land of 760 hectares required for Maharashtra Water Supply and Sewerage Project Stage-II (Poshir Dam Project) is pending with the Department of Forests; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor and by when the environment clearance is likely to be given to this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No proposal for diversion of forest land has been received by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

(b) The proposal for grant of environmental clearance received by the Ministry has been closed as requisite details pertaining to flora and fauna were not furnished by the State Government. Also, Environment Impact Assessment report of the project has not been received from the project authority. Similarly, Public Hearing as required under Law has also not been carried out.

Pollution in Ganga river

†1233. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that river Ganges flows along 2,525 kilometres in the country;

(b) if not, the facts thereof, and whether it is also a fact that nearby 1000 big and small towns inhabited along the banks of this river;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.